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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,991,093 to MURATA et al., issued on November 23, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,212,017 to MURATA, issued on April 3, 2001; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,552,857 to SENSUI, issued on April 22, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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